## **Amendment after Final Rejection**

Application SNo. 10/042,632

This amendment is a response to a Final rejection having a mailing date of 01/09/2004 and setting forth a shortened statutory period for response of three months which would expire on 04/09/2004.

The examiner's action has been studied carefully and the examiner's thorough analysis of the claims is greatly appreciated. Consequently, the examiner's suggestions with regard to amending the claims have been followed. This should make the claims allowably with regard to 35 U.S.C. 112.

The examiner has also indicated that claims 3 - 4, 6 - 10 and 12 would be allowable if incorporated into their base claims.

This has been done.

Claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1. There were no intervening claims and, therefore, all claims depending from claim 1 should be allowable.

Claim 12 has been incorporated in claim 11 and therefore, claim 11 and all claims depending therefrom should be allowable.

In view of the fact that all claims are now allowable, a discussion of the prior art cited and applied to the claims appears to be moot.

The examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance.

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